DISTRICT THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DIVISION HOUSTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS ENTERED

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ROBIN RAY DODDY and JEANETTE W. DODDY, Plaintiffs,

Michael N. Milby, Clerk

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-93-3372

OXY U.S.A., INC., et al., Defendants.

ORDER

This case is before the Court on the Honorable Melinda Harmon's Request to Chief Judge for Appointment of a Disinterested Judge to Determine a Recusal Issue. The undersigned appoints himself to decide the recusal issue and, having carefully reviewed the briefs of the parties, the affidavit of Suzzanne J. Gioimo, and the transcript of the October 18 hearing, finds there is no appearance of impropriety or other basis for recusal. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Defendant Nalco's Motion for Reconsideration Regarding Court Order of Recusal (Entry #351) is GRANTED and Plaintiffs' Motion to Set Aside Order Vacating the Court's Initial Order of Recusal and to Cancel Evidentiary Hearing (Entry #354) is Judge Harmon's order vacating the original order of DENIED. recusal remains in full force and effect as appropriate and in accordance with the undersigned's finding of no basis for recusal.

SIGNED this 19th day of October, 1995, at Houston, Texas.

NORMAN W. BLACK

CHIEF JUDGE